

Garfield County Trails Committee Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2009

In attendance:Walt Gove, Vicki Wren, Dennis Bertucci, Lisa Vargas, Keith Watts, Joe Rechsteiner (USFS), Drew Parkin (BLM), Mark Saunto, Bob Stevenson, Brian Bremner

Minutes from the June 17th meeting were approved

Two new members from Boulder, UT were voted into the Committee: Bobbie Cleare and Boz Bozworth

On the agenda: Discussion of upcoming GC Trails Committee work project

Deer Creek Lake was chosen to be the site of a work project, Oct. 4th was chosen as the date. UPDATE: The project at Deer Creek Lake was a success! Five committee members (Mark Saunto, Bob Clayton, Bob Stevenson, Bobbie Cleare and Boz Bozworth) braved wintery conditions including hail, snow, 35 mph winds and even some sunshine in the afternoon. We hiked around the perimeter of the lake - each person filling a trash bag. The "best" individual piece was a very large tractor inner tube found by Boz.

Brian Bremner asked about the calendar function of the committee website. I have been experimenting with this - when you have an item you would like to post on the Committee's web calendar, please let me know and I will do my best to get it posted.

Walt Gove asked about Motorized travel plan for Dixie NF and discussion turned to how 2010 projects will be funded. There was discussion of our "budget." Joe Rechsteiner and Marcia Gilles will likely submit project ideas again for 2010. Members who have additional, or more detailed questions about the budgeting process, please contact Mark Saunto or Brian Bremner. The committee will decide which projects we like, and submit these to the County Commission, who will then decide to fund or not. Brian B. recommends that we come up with our list by October so that we can get them to the commission by November. Some project ideas that the commission is likely to look favorably on include: education, mapping, and "concrete" projects that support trails and recreation on USFS and adjacent lands. Possible project ideas so far include some promotional events like fishing derbies, or family events like bicycle rides or hikes. We will also be looking at our website in an effort to make it more useful.

Jessie Grow's project on the Escalante Ranger District is complete - The kiosks are installed - Good work!

Drew Parkin suggested that the committee, along with USFS and BLM could look at project ideas that might be good for coordination with Scouts.

The next meeting will be on FRIDAY October 16th, 7:00 PM at the Cannonville Visitor Center.
(The original date of Oct 14th could not be scheduled at the Cannonville Visitor Center.)

On the agenda will be presentation and discussion of potential work projects for 2010. Please bring your project ideas to the meeting!